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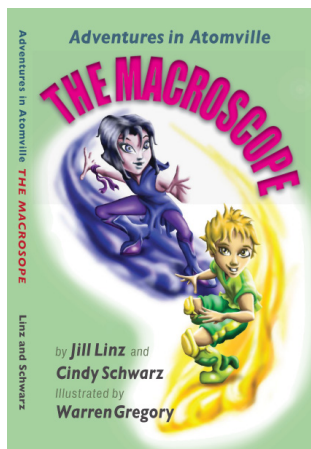
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY -- In the new physics-inspired fiction for grade 3-6 readers, *Adventures in Atomville: The Macroscope*, two college professors first and foremost tell a story. At the same time, the characters, Lord Neon, The Wise Old Proton, and the Royal Benzenes are hardly run-of-the-mill. They emulate particles and elements that exist in nature.

"If children come away from reading the book with certain physics terms floating around in their minds for later on, then great," said Jill Linz, a senior teaching associate at Skidmore College, in Saratoga, NY, and Cindy Schwarz, a professor of physics at Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, NY. "But our goal was not necessarily to teach atomic physics to children. It is a story plain and simple."

One goal in writing this book was to turn our youngsters on to science at an earlier age.



Adventures in Atomville: The Macroscope



Adventures in Atomville is a new type of "science" fiction. Niles and Livvie have been best friends forever even though they are different atoms. They play atom games together with their friends and go to school just like ordinary atoms. One day they began to wonder where they came from, which leads to adventures that will ultimately lead them to the discovery of the Inner World and the Outer World. Things get complicated when they have to

save Penelope, the Wise Old Proton, from the evil hands of the Royal Benzenes. The adventures that Niles and Livvie encounter take us through the world of atoms. In this first book of the series, Niles tells the story of how he and Livvie accidentally invent a Macroscope, allowing them to see the Outer World for the first time. For Grades 3-6 (ages 8 - 12).

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